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Above: Noam Chomsky (left), on campus Nov. 27 and 28 for three linguistics-related lectures co-sponsored by Blackwell Publishers and the university, becomes engaged in discussion with UM philosophy professor Corey Washington (right) and UMBC art student Matthew Teigen (center) after his Nov. 27 lecture "Language and the Brain" (right).

Chomsky Speaks the Language of the Brain

Professor Noam Chomsky, Institute Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was the invited speaker for the 2000 Blackwell/Maryland lectures, a series on language and cognition sponsored jointly by Blackwell Publishers and the University of Maryland.

Chomsky gave three lectures on campus: "Language and the Brain," on Monday, Nov. 27; and "Talking about the World" and "The Design of Language" on Nov. 28. In this series of lec-

tures he outlined his view of the current state of linguistic study and what it might mean about the relation of mind and language.

For more than four decades, Chomsky has been at the forefront of research in the mental sciences, since his seminal early work in the mid-1950s sparked what has come to be known as the "Cognitive Revolution." His work has generated vigorous debate and research in linguistics, philosophy and the mental and brain sciences.

According to Chomsky's biolinguistic model, there is a dedicated cognitive faculty in the brain for language. He considers the mind to be a set of

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Challenging New Leaders to Take on a Changing World

Preparing for an evolving world will be the theme of the 27th Annual Maryland Student Affairs Conference, the largest one-day conference of student affairs professionals in the country.

The theme of this year's conference, to be held Feb. 9 at Stamp Student Union, is "Leadership in Changing Times: Vision, Courage, Action." The keynote speakers will be Sharon Fries-Britt, assistant professor of education at Maryland, and Larry Moneta, associate vice president for campus services at the University of Pennsylvania.

In developing this year's theme, "we thought of the professional world in which we live in," said Cindy Felice, conference committee chair. "The times are changing. Our jobs change rapidly, our student demographics change. People make the institution, and we have to be as cutting edge as possible. And it's conferences like this that allow us to share and debate issues."

The conference is the

brain-child of William L. "Bud" Thomas, vice president of student affairs for 27 years. Thomas will officially retire from the university on Jan. 31, so this will be his last conference. "I'm planning on attending, but I'm not sure what my role will be," he said. "I'm really a lame duck."

Thomas said that his main role this year was to appoint Felice to head the conference. "It's been a wonderful experience for the people who put it on each year," he said. "They are given a great deal of autonomy."

The committee is just now choosing which programs will be included in the conference. Session topics will likely relate to student needs, changes in demographics, student perceptions and expectations, political-social forecasting, planning, facilities development and research.

Other possible topics include leadership, ethics, conflict management, student services and marketing.

The keynote speakers bring with them decades of experience in student affairs. Fries-Britt's experience

includes nearly 10 years as the assistant to the vice president for student affairs at Maryland and resident life experience at Towson University. Her research focuses on the academic, social and psychological experiences of college students. Her current publications look at high-ability black collegians and how they interact with faculty, peers and the extended black community.

Moneta has 30 years of experience in housing and student services at five institutions. In his current position at Penn, he has been involved with a \$300 million capital renewal of the residence halls and the development of a residential college program. He has written extensively on the use of technology in student services and the current challenges facing the metropolitan university.

The conference will draw as many as 650 student affairs professionals and students, Thomas said.

For more information about the conference call 301-405-7484, or e-mail Felice at jfelice@accmail.umd.edu.

Maryland Leads Worldwide Trend to Expand Women's Studies

Nearly 30 years ago it was impossible for co-eds to take a course exploring the role women played in society. Now, the university has joined those pioneering the move to make women's and gender studies a full-fledged discipline.

This fall, Maryland became one of eight institutions in the United States to offer a Ph.D. in women's studies. Maryland is the first public research university on the East Coast to offer such a degree.

Besides the private Emory University (Atlanta), and Clark University (Worcester, Mass.), the other doctoral programs are offered on the West Coast and in the Midwest.

Bachelor's and master's programs have existed at Maryland since 1976, and undergraduate and graduate certificates are also offered in women's studies, which is housed in the College of Arts and Humanities.

"To master the body of literature that has been created in women's studies over the past three decades requires the kind of attention that exists only with a full-fledged field of study," said Claire Moses, women's studies chair.

"We realized there has to be a strong interdisciplinary core at the center," she added. "Without

that intellectual exchange across the boundaries of so many distinct academic departments and units, women's studies is in danger. The Ph.D. is a new direction in the field to ensure its survival, and we are one of the leaders."

The program will help the university retain its position as one of the leading research institutions in the study of gender, race and ethnicity, said Laura Nichols, assistant director of the department of women's studies.

While earlier programs focused primarily on gender, Maryland has expanded women's studies research to include race, class, sexual orientation, and developmental and physical ability, Nichols said.

"The new Ph.D. in women's studies places the University of Maryland at the forefront of research on the differences amongst women," Nichols said. "This research will further expand the understanding of the role of women in society."

There are currently five students in the new Ph.D. program: one from Maryland; two from San Diego State University; one from the University of Illinois-Chicago; and one from Northwestern Uni-

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Your Guide to University Events
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7:30 p.m., Concert: "Honors Chamber Music." Showcasing the best of the School of Music's outstanding chamber music program. Features a review of master chamber works performed by string, wind and piano students. Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Fine Arts Building. For more information, call 5-7847.

8 p.m., Concert: "Holiday Concert." Join the University Chorale and conductor Edward Maclary as they perform works including "Psalm 90" by Charles Ives and selections from "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten. Memorial Chapel. For more information, call 5-5571.

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9 a.m.-4 p.m., Workshop: "Developments in Privacy Law: The Contest between Business and the Individual." 2111 Stamp Student Union. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Robin Albert at 5-2057 or ra67@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.clis.umd.edu/cc/.

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Event: "Arts & Humanities Internship Fair." Prince George's Room and Grand Ballroom Lounge, Stamp Student Union. For more information, see the "What's Happening Now" section at www.CareerCenter.umd.edu.

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Video Presentation: "Africans in America." Part of the ongoing PBS/ALS Diversity Video Series. 4137 McKeldin. (Details in **For Your Interest**, p. 4.)

12 p.m., Meeting: "Faculty-Staff Lesbian Bisexual Women's Group." Informal brown-bag lunch meeting in 2101 Health Center. For information, contact Bellsey@health.umd.edu.

12-1 p.m., Lecture: "Love and Work: An Attachment-Theoretical Perspective of Career Exploration," with Patrick Feehan, Psychological Intern, Counseling Center. A Research & Development Meeting. 0114 Counseling Center. For more information, contact 4-7690 or scholmes@wam.umd.edu.

12:30-2 p.m., Lecture: "Conditionality, Governance and Change in Sub-Saharan Africa."

With Tina Blumel and Ann Pitsch, doctoral candidates, Department of Government and Politics. Part of the Harrison Program Speaker Series. 0139 Tydings. For more information, harrison@gvpt.umd.edu.

4-5 p.m., Lecture: "Properties of Nuclear Bars in Seyfert and Non-Seyfert Galaxies," with Seppo Laine, Space Telescope Science Institute. Part of the Astronomy Colloquium. 2400 Computer & Space Science. Colloquia are usually preceded by coffee and followed by an informal reception, both in room 0254 Computer & Space Science. For more information, contact Derek Richardson at 5-8786 or coll-request@astro.umd.edu.

4 p.m., Graduate School Distinguished Lecture: "Gravitational Waves: A New Window onto the Universe," with Dr. Kip Thorne, California Institute of Technology. 1412 Physics. For more information, call 5-4936.

7 p.m., Reading: "Writers Here and Now." Poets Michael Collier and Stanley Plumly, co-directors of the university's creative writing program, will read from their works. McKeldin Library Special Events Room. (Details in **For Your Interest**, p. 4.)

7:30-9:30 p.m., Concert: "Annual Winter Jazz Showcase." Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union.

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1-3 p.m., OIT Workshop: "Corporate Time (beginner level)." Learn to use the Corporate Time desktop client to maintain a personal calendar or to facilitate creating meetings with multiple attendees. 0121 Main Admin. For more information, call 5-2945 or e-mail oit-training@umail.umd.edu.

7-9 p.m., Concert: "Contemporary, Traditional and Holiday

Brass." Memorial Chapel. For information, call 301-484-9100.

8 p.m., Lecture: "Generation of the Earth's Unique Continental Crust," with Roberta Rudnick. 1140 Plant Sciences. Sponsored by the Geology Department. For more information, contact Bill Minarik, 5-4365 or minarik@geol.umd.edu, or see www.geol.umd.edu/pages/EventsNews/public.htm.

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9 a.m.-4 p.m., Workshop: "Introduction to Web Page Design, Construction and Publishing." Covers the basics of designing, build-



ing, and publishing useful Web pages. Computer & Space Science. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Robin Albert at ra67@umail.umd.edu or 5-2057, or see www.clis.umd.edu/cc/.

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11 a.m.-12 p.m., Lecture: "Bug Ears," with Dave Yager. Part of the Integrative Neuroscience Seminar series. 1128 Biology/ Psychology Building. For more information, contact

lharvey@psyc.umd.edu.

3-5 p.m., Event: "Holiday Reception." Join President C. Dan Mote, Jr., and Vice Presidents Destler, Geoffroy, Remington, Sturtz and Thomas for a little holiday cheer. Lobby, Main Administration Building.

5 p.m., Performance: "New Dances," an informal showing of works sponsored and directed by the Student Dance Association. Dance Theater, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. For more information, call Meriam Rosen at 5-3189.

8-10 p.m., Concert: "Annual Kaleidoscope Concert" (formerly Pass-In-Review). Tawes Fine Arts Building. (Details in **For Your Interest**, p. 4.)

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11 a.m., Seminar: "Simulated Deixis in NLVR (the Natural Language and Virtual Reality System)," with John Gurney, Army Research Laboratory. Part of the Logic and Artificial Intelligence Seminar (LAISEM) series. 3258 A. V. Williams Building. For more information, contact Don Perlis at perlis@cs.umd.edu.

4 p.m., Lecture: "Molecular Characterization of Proteases as Pathogenicity Factors in *Metarhizium anisopliae*," Determination of the Production of Manduca," by Savita Bagga, and "Diuresin at Different Development Stages of *Manduca sexta*," by Gang Hu. Part of the Entomology Colloquium series. 1140 Plant Sciences. For more information, contact Ray St. Leger at rl106@umail.umd.edu.

5 p.m., Concert: "Guarneri String Quartet Open Rehearsal." The internationally renowned quartet, currently artists in residence at the School of Music, holds its final on-campus open rehearsal of the semester. Room 2200, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. For more information, call 5-7847.

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10 a.m., Workshop: "Piano Masterclass," with artist in residence André Watts. One of today's most celebrated and beloved pianists, in his first semester of a three-year appointment at the School of Music, will provide coaching and critique to select piano students of the school. Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Fine Arts Building.

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versity. All five are women. "We are attracting students from some of the best universities," Moses said.

The 70 affiliate and nine department faculty are excited about the new program, Moses said. "There is a feeling that we are pioneers charting a new course in academia and everyone is elated," she said.

The Ford Foundation is shoring up the fledgling women's studies trend. Using part of a \$250,000 grant from the Ford Foundation, Moses and others have planned a retreat in early March to discuss how women's studies can function as an interdepartmental graduate program. Moses sees in the innovative structure of the Maryland program a possible model for other institutions.

"Disciplinary boundaries are disintegrating across academe as more and more scholars discover the benefits of working with scholars from other fields on problems of common concern," Moses said. "But too often bureaucratic structures frustrate the development of interdisciplinary work."

Women's studies at Maryland intends not only to impact its own field, but also graduate education more broadly."

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Events are free and open to the public unless noted by an asterisk ().

Extension Specialist's Hard Work Earns Admiration of Peers

Fifteen years ago, plant disease diagnostician Ethel Dutky was feeling a little isolated. Even her professional organization, the American Phytopathological Society, seemed to offer little in the way of collegiality.

"The national society was dominated by academics and researchers," says Dutky, who works in the university's entomology department. "There were just one or two people like me per state."

By "people like me," Dutky means scientists and extension specialists who provide laboratory diagnoses on crops, identify weeds, insects and mites that damage plants, and work directly with the growers who must contend with these insistent threats to their livelihoods.

Convinced of the importance of the work diagnosticians perform, Dutky decided to rally the sparse troops. "I was like a labor organizer for the diagnosticians nationwide and in Canada," she says. That meant setting up a new committee in the national society and establishing a professional quarterly to disseminate information about advances in plant disease detection and diagnosis.

Her contributions have been so significant that she recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award from her national committee. It was only the second such award the group has made.

Dutky calls the award "a friendly gesture," then laughs about her first reaction. "I

thought, I guess this means I'm getting old."

She's not, really. And she has packed a lot of work into the professional life she started after

Botanic Garden, the U.S. Herb Garden, the National Arboretum, the American Horticultural Society, Time-Life Books and St. Remy Press and helped a junior

high school girl with her science fair project.

She also has helped Brownies and 4-H Clubs with their projects, and consulted with people in Senegal, Bolivia, Peru and Africa. She's received the Award of Excellence for Extension in Maryland (1988), the USDA Group Achievement Award (1996) and the Award of Honor from the Maryland Nurserymen's Association (1998). And under

the auspices of the Montgomery County Humane Society, she has provided a foster home for more than 50 cats and kittens that otherwise would have been euthanized.

Asked to reflect on all this, she says, "They are modest accomplishments. The way it is now, diagnosticians are a well-thought-of group."

Talk about your understatements.

Diagnosticians play an indispensable role in plant pathology. Consider: Had plant pathology been at its current stage of development in the 1840s, the potato blight that led to the Irish potato famine and that nation's massive social dislocation could have been averted.

Her primary task within the

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Plant disease diagnostician Ethel Dutky looks for clues as to the health problems of plants sent by a local grower.

being a stay-at-home mom.

A 1965 Maryland graduate in entomology, Dutky earned her master's in botany and plant pathology from the university in 1978. In 1979, she established the Maryland Extension Diagnostic Laboratory, and has directed its operations since. She spent six years with the USDA's insect physiology laboratory and was the state coordinator of the Master Gardener program for three years. She has given hundreds of talks to grower groups, master gardeners and garden clubs, and teaches botany, entomology and horticulture classes. She has collaborated with the Maryland Park Service and U.S. Park Service, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Zoo, Longwood Gardens, the U.S.



NOTABLE



Physics professors **Xiangdong Ji** and **Rajarshi Roy** have been elected American Physical Society Fellows. This rare honor, limited to one half of one percent of APS membership, is granted by the APS Council in recognition of outstanding contributions to physics.

This fall, the American Association for the Advancement of Science Council elected 251 members as Fellows. Among them are Maryland faculty members **David R. Lineback** (Agriculture, Food and Renewable Resources), **Richard J. Arsenault** and **Jon Orloff** (Engineering), **Ben Schneiderman** (Information, Computing and Communication), **John Toll** (Physics) and **Mark Sagoff** (Social, Economic and Political Sciences). The new Fellows will be recognized for their contributions to science at the Fellows Forum, to be held in February during the AAAS Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Physics faculty member **John Toll** has been chosen as the distinguished Marylander for the Year 2000 by the University of Maryland chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. The award, given each year to a "distinguished Marylander who has made significant contributions to the University of Maryland," will be presented at the chapter's December induction ceremony.

Health Education professor **Kenneth H. Beck** has been granted Fellowship status in the American Academy of Health Behavior. The honor is bestowed on individuals who meet the Academy's standards of excellence in scholarship and commitment to the advancement of knowledge in health behavior, health education and health promotion. Beck is recognized for his significant scholarly contribution to these areas through his exemplary research.

Three professors from the Smith School of Business have received a National Science Foundation grant totaling \$673,959 to further their study of why people leave and remain in the information technology field. **Kathryn Bartol**, professor of management; **Viswanath Venkatesh**, assistant professor of decision and information technologies, and **Ian Williamson**, assistant professor of management and organization, will spend more than a year following students studying IT and those working in the field. Their study results may enable employers to help end the worker shortage the information technology sector is facing. Some feel the shortage is not necessarily because of job-hopping, but because there aren't enough qualified IT specialists to fill the positions. Bartol said the study would pay particular attention to women and minorities in IT.

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innate mental organs, language being the best understood. Human language is ultimately a biological object, and should be analyzed using the methodology of the natural sciences. This jibes with Maryland's linguistics department, whose research is based in its entirety on the same model.

During his first lecture, Chomsky nodded to his colleagues at UM who are at the forefront of an area of

research of interest to him—the minimalist approach to the structure of syntactical theories.

Maryland's Department of Linguistics, where this research is conducted primarily by Norbert Hornstein, Juan Uriagereka, Colin Phillips and David Lightfoot, is one of the most active centers in the country for study on this topic, along with the University of Connecticut and the University of Michigan.

OUCH! ALERT

Construction Projects Continue Through Break

Like elves on Christmas Eve, construction workers will step

up some of their activity during the campus' winter break in order to finish work before classes resume in January. Ongoing projects, such as the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center and the renovation of the chemistry building's first and second wings, should be at or near completion.

However, at least three other projects are slated to start during that time:

- Construction of the chemistry teaching building, which will limit—and may cut—access to Stadium Drive, should begin and not be completed until May. This work will also affect those parking in Lot XX, who will be moved to the Regents Drive garage.
- The north campus satellite central utility building (SCUB), which houses heating and cooling

equipment, will also be a December-through-May project. SCUB work will affect those parking in Lot T. They will be relocated to lot G. Spaces in Lot 11a will be converted to Lot G to offset losses in Lot T due to the construction. Lot T will also lose 18 meter spaces.

• Also, Lot L will be affected by electrical duct-bank equipment installation happening near the main administration buildings. The lot will be closed Jan. 11-19.

For regular updates and maps, visit www.inform.umd.edu/ouch. Also, community forums are held throughout the academic year, offering a chance to ask questions of those in the know about the campus' growing pains. Forums are held on Wednesdays from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Physics Lecture Hall, room 1412 Physics. Upcoming dates are Dec. 13, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 28, Apr. 18 and May 16.

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university's Department of Entomology is to examine 900 to 1,200 plant samples each year, diagnosing diseases on all types of crops. Here in the Chesapeake Bay region, the kind of integrative pest management Dutky does has become imperative for the area's environmental health, particularly with nutrient management.

The point of integrative pest management is to minimize pesticide use. The approach was developed because the old method of pest control—spraying every couple of days—was damaging the environment while also stimulating outbreaks of the very pests the growers needed to control. Dutky says it was a matter of "spraying when they didn't have a problem, then when a problem did arise, oops, it was out of control."

Instead, she works with growers to identify and treat problems more holistically by identifying "key pests," which include diseases, nutrient levels, insects and mites. "A lot of this stuff is available in the research but it takes extension people to teach the growers how to use it," she says. "As we become more global, exotic diseases and pests are popping up, making the connection with the university extension more important."

This year, her approach helped quell an outbreak in a crop of poinsettias imported from Guatemala. The plants had a fungus that could have spread throughout the nation had not a grower connected with Dutky's program spotted the problem before it got out of hand. "Only a few growers in Maryland got the bad plants," she says. "And the supplier was very good about making restitutions."

Dutky's rescuing instincts extend to fauna as well as flora—cats, specifically. The Humane Society cannot keep pregnant cats, or kittens less than eight weeks old. Injured animals are another problem, because they are considered unadoptable. So for the past four years, Dutky has helped by taking pregnant, sick and baby cats into her home, placing more than 50 cats in new homes once they were ready. A year ago, she took in two litters at once, 10 animals in all. "It was a herd of kittens," she says.

Not all of her foster charges have gone to new homes, however. "You get attached. I kept eight cats," she says. "That's the downside. Or the upside, depending on how you look at it."

Digging the Dirt

For two months, a group of students and their professor gathered on Saturdays to look at soil. It was dirty, time-intensive work that paid off in top regional honors.

Coached by professor Martin C. Rabenhorst of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' Department of Natural Resource Sciences and Landscape Architecture, two teams took first and second place in soil judging competition held at judging pits in the Finger Lakes area of western New York state. Graduate students Vanessa Stevens and John S. Wah helped coach this year's teams.

Maryland competed against nine universities. The first place team advances to national competition being held in April in Pennsylvania. For Rabenhorst, the wins were a repeat performance. Maryland has won regionally three years in a row. He also coached when the university won its last national award in 1984.

As an undergraduate agronomy major and soil judging team member, Rabenhorst participated on a team with several national victories in the 1970s.

Soil judging competitions consist of teams looking at a variety of soils, determining their properties and making categorizations according to the USDA soil classification scheme. The students then make interpretations for the soils' different uses. The team with the closest answers wins.

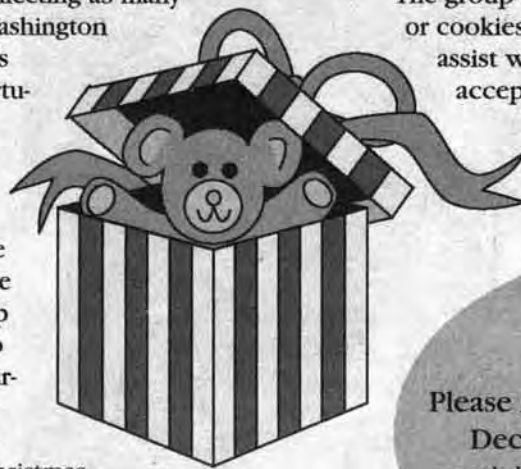
"It gives the students a highly marketable skill," said Rabenhorst. "I get people who want to hire, specifically, people with soil judging experience. It's both a skill and an art."

For Your Interest

Human Elves Spread Spirit of Santa

Christmas is a wonderful holiday to celebrate, but unfortunately, not every child has equal opportunity to enjoy it. The Hermanos of La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc., hopes to level the playing field a little: Through Dec. 23, they are holding their second annual Christmas Toy Drive, with the goal of collecting as many toys as possible for the Washington Metropolitan community's impoverished and less fortunate children.

All donations may be dropped off at the Hermanos of La Unidad Latina Christmas toy drive box located in front of the information desk in Stamp Student Union. The group also welcomes and encourages faculty, staff and students to join them in distributing these toys on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. Those who are interested or have questions or suggestions should contact toys@launidadlatina.org or call 301-434-0591.



Beyond These Walls Toy Drive

The student organization Beyond These Walls is hosting a holiday party and toy drive for ESL students at Langley Park-McCormick Elementary School. The party will be held Monday, Dec. 18 from 7-9:30 p.m. in the school's gym. They expect to welcome 80 children between the ages of 3 and 12.

The group needs donations of unwrapped toys or cookies and soda, as well as volunteers to assist with the party. Donations will be accepted through Friday, Dec. 15 and would be appreciated sooner. Contact Julie Iversen at jiversen@wam.umd.edu for further information.

Got Gifts?

Please let *Outlook* know by Wednesday, Dec. 6 of gift drives or other such activities involving holiday good will that should be mentioned in the Dec. 12 issue.

In Africa and America

"Africans in America," the Dec. 6 program of the ongoing PBS/ALS Diversity Video Series, examines how Americans built a nation based on principles of liberty and equality while justifying the existence of slavery. The series strives to illuminate the historical roots of some of today's most disturbing social problems.

On Dec. 8, "Wonders of the African World with Henry Louis Gates, Jr." challenges the view of Africa as a primitive "dark continent" civilized by Europeans. It tells a story of proud lands filled with great civilizations, cities, and centers of learning long before Europeans set foot there.

Screenings take place in 4137 McKeldin Library. The series is sponsored by The Libraries' Nonprint Media Services, the Diversity Committee, Staff Training & Development and the Nyumburu Cultural Center. For more information, contact Linda Sarigol at 301-405-9236 or visit www.pbs.org/als/cc for complete program descriptions.

Kaleidoscope Concert

The UM Marching Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Concert Band present their collaborative wind and percussion program the Kaleidoscope Concert (formerly known as Pass-In-Review) on Friday, Dec. 8. The performance will feature dynamic samplings from the Band program, as well as top student chamber ensembles including the Prism Bass Quintet, Synergy Quintet, Saxophone Quartet and Marimba Ensemble.

Everyone is welcome, and middle school and high school students are especially encouraged to attend. The concert will be held at 8 p.m. in the Tawes Theatre, Tawes Fine Arts Building. For tickets or information, call the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at 301-405-7847.

Dividends Database

Maryland Dividends, an online database of ongoing research projects across the state, features the work of more than 100 faculty members from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College of Life Sciences. The URL is www.afnr.umd.edu/mais/dividends.

For more information, contact Scott Angle at 301-405-2462 or Ginny Gerhart at 301-405-4586.

Writers Here & Now

Poets Michael Collier and Stanley Plumly, co-directors of the university's creative writing program, will read from their works Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. in the McKeldin Library Special Events Room. The reading is part of the Writers Here & Now reading series.

Plumly's "Now That My Father Lies Down Beside Me: New and Selected Poems 1970-2000" was published this spring.

Collier's most recent volume of poems, "The Ledge," also was published in the spring. He is the director of the annual Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in Middlebury, Vt., which is widely regarded as one of the nation's most venerable literary gatherings.

For more information, call 301-405-3820.

Mark Your Calendars

The College of Education is sponsoring a major regional conference, "Preventing School Violence and Delinquency," on Feb. 15 and 16, 2001 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at The Inn and Conference Center.

The conference will feature keynote sessions by Deborah Prothrow-Stith of the Harvard School of Public Health, George Sugai of the Center for Positive Behavioral Supports at University of Oregon, Shay Bilchik, Executive Director of the Child Welfare League, and over 40 workshops. The registration fee (due by Feb. 1) includes all activities, continental breakfast and a lunch banquet on both conference days. Contact Sheri Meisel at sm106@umail.umd.edu for registration materials and information.

Call for Award Nominees

The Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service Learning (sponsored by Campus Compact) recognizes and honors one faculty member annually for contributing to the integration of community or public service into the curriculum and for efforts to institutionalize service-learning.

Campuses may nominate full-time faculty whose work in service-learning meets the following criteria: extensive experience in teaching service-learning; evidence of engaged scholarship; evidence of institutional impact.

Nominations are due to Meg Cooperman, coordinator of community service involvement and leadership, by Dec. 15. For information and nomination materials, contact her at msussman@accmail.umd.edu.